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1. U.S. MTN DELEGATION (MCNAMARA ET AL) MET ON JANUARY 10 WITH CANADIAN MTN DELEGATION (CLARK ET AL) TO CONVEY PRELIMINARY U.S. RESPONSE TO CANADIAN TARIFF REQUESTS ON PRODUCTS ON WHICH CANADA WISHES THE UNITED STATES TO USE ITS MAXIMUM NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY. IN RESPONSE TO U.S. PRESENTATION WHICH FOLLOWED CLOSELY SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL, CANADIANS APPEARED TO BE QUITE PLEASED AT U.S. EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO CANADIAN REQUESTS AND WERE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF COURSE, ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE DETAILS ON SPECIFIC SECTORS AND SPECIFIC LINE ITEMS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT CANADIAN INTENTIONS, CLARK SAID CANADA INTENDS TO TABLE ITS OFFERS NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 23. ITS OFFERS ON INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS WILL USE THE SWISS FORMULA WITH AN "APPROPRIATE" ADJUST-

MENT FACTOR TO ACHIEVE AN OVERALL 40 PERCENT DEPTH OF CUT. HE SAID CANADIAN OFFER PROPOSALS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY CANADIAN CABINET COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 11, TO BE FOLLOWED BY CABINET REVIEW AND APPROVAL JANUARY 16.

3. DETAILED REPORT, INCLUDING QUESTIONS RAISED BY CANADIANS, FOLLOWS. CULBERT

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